

children is too big and too important a job to tackle alone. Afterschool programs offer the chance to improve academic achievement. They provide children with the opportunity to benefit from the mentoring of a role model. They help young students tackle the challenges and learn the value of reading at an early age. They ensure that youth have access to safe and anti-substance abuse activities. And for America's working parents they provide the confidence that their children are well cared for once the school day ends.

Beyond funding for the 21st Century Learning Centers Program, the No Child Left Behind Act, makes available federal Title I funds that can be used to provide supplemental educational services through afterschool programs. The Child Care Development Block Grant is another important resource to assist parents in obtaining high quality afterschool childcare.

I urge my colleagues to visit afterschool programs in your district, encourage local businesses to help sustain and expand these programs and fight for increased federal investment in the 21st Century Learning Center Program, Title I, and the CCDBG. Congratulations to the Afterschool Alliance, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, and J.C. Penney, the National Sponsor, and their partners: 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Junior Achievement and the YMCA of the USA on their third successful Lights on Afterschool national awareness campaign.

#### TRIBUTE TO FRANCESC DE PAULA SOLER

#### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I welcome, once again, Mr. Francisc de Paula Soler, the gifted and prolific guitarist who played for us last fall at the Library of Congress. He is a world-renowned instrumentalist who will grace the Library of Congress for the second time on October 29, 2002.

Last year's concert soothed and lifted the spirits of those who attended, and this one will no doubt have the same effects. We learned first-hand why de Paula Soler is known throughout the world as the "Poet of the Guitar."

Born in Spain, to a family of artists, Francisc de Paula Soler grew up with the guitar. He received a rigorous and intense training with the classical instrument. As the student of two legendary guitarists, Andrés Segovia and Narciso Yepes, de Paula Soler has become a legend in his own right.

He has played music halls and auditoriums throughout the United States and Europe, mesmerizing audiences of all ages and from all walks of life. Francisc de Paula Soler has been hard at work on his second album and CD called "El Polifemo de Oro," which is dedicated entirely to Spanish music for guitar. The musician has also been working on his next book "Guitar Technique Manual," because he takes his role as a mentor and teacher as seriously as his role as a guitarist. Amazingly, Mr. Soler has managed to work on his album and book while filling a busy tour schedule. He

also instructs students in Master Classes and Seminaries that he offers in the "Ctedra Ferran Sors" and in the "Escola Catalana de Guitarra."

I am grateful that Francese de Paula Soler has returned to Washington, DC to play for us again and urge all of my colleagues to come and enjoy an afternoon of his enchanted melodies.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF CARL THOMPSON

#### HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Carl Thompson, who served as an advocate for Progressive values in the Wisconsin State Legislature for 32 years.

Mr. Thompson was the youngest delegate to the 1934 founding convention of the Progressive Party, and eventually led the Wisconsin Progressive Party into the newly reformed modern Democratic Party. After the Progressives took over the Democratic Party, they chose Carl as their first candidate for governor in 1948, and again in 1950. As a proponent of public financing of campaigns and keeping money out of politics, he ran for governor with only \$10,000. His opponent spent 16 times as much, but Carl still received 45 percent of the vote.

As a State Legislator from Stoughton, he was a crusader for Progressive ideals. I admire his tireless efforts fighting for civil rights, women's rights, and for speaking for those who so often are not heard. Many of Wisconsin's laws we take for granted today, Carl brought to the attention of the State Legislature, even though they may have been unpopular at the time. His colleagues will tell you that they have considerable respect for him because he was not afraid to challenge the establishment.

Carl's leadership in the State Assembly and State Senate from 1952–1984 has left Wisconsin with a strong Progressive tradition. While his contemporaries left Wisconsin to go to Washington as Senators and Congressmen, he felt it was important to stay at home to fight for his causes in the conservative State Senate. He should be remembered for the positive impact he had as a founder of the modern Democratic Party of Wisconsin and the legacy that he has left for the people of Wisconsin.

#### TAIWAN CELEBRATES 91ST NATIONAL DAY

#### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, as leaders and people on Taiwan celebrate their 91st National Day on October 10, 2002, I offer them my congratulations and wish them many more happy National Days in the future.

Much has been said about Taiwan's political achievements. It has a former political dissident as its tenth president, and people of Taiwan enjoy numerous political freedoms and

protection of human rights. As political reforms are continuing, Taiwan will soon complete its total democratization.

In terms of economic achievements, Taiwan is one of the world's major economies. Our trade with Taiwan totaled \$51.5 billion in 2001. We exported electrical machinery, optical instruments and parts, aircrafts, aircraft parts, organic chemicals, corn, and soybeans to Taiwan. Taiwan represents the 7th largest market for U.S. exports worldwide.

In other non-economic areas, I believe we must continue to supply Taiwan with defensive arms—to help Taiwan maintain peace in the Taiwan Strait. Also, the U.S. must take an active role in helping Taiwan join many important international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Health Organization.

The U.S. is also grateful for Taiwan's assistance in the fight against global terrorism. Immediately after September 11, Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian lost no time in condemning the brutal act against American civilians and offered resolute support of America's anti-terrorism campaign. Taiwan has also taken concrete actions. For instance, Taiwan has shared intelligence information with the United States, security at Taiwan airports has been heightened, legislative bills have been passed to stop money laundering which could aid terrorists, and humanitarian assistance has been provided to Afghan refugees. We appreciate Taiwan's help in combating global terrorism.

Again, congratulations to our good friends on Taiwan on their National Day.

#### RECOGNIZING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

#### HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 10, 2002*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, this October 10th marks the 91st National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan). On this important occasion, I wish to congratulate the leaders and the people of Taiwan.

Taiwan and the United States have a very productive relationship despite the lack of official relations. Taiwan has always been supportive of U.S. policies and actions. Last year, Taiwan was one of the first countries to come to our aid in our campaign against worldwide terrorism.

Taiwan's leaders have pledged whatever assistance we need, such as intelligence gathering, in our continuing war against terrorists. Apart from Taiwan's support of us in combating terrorism, Taiwan maintains close cooperation with us in many areas such as economics, politics, immigration, culture and education, science and technology, human rights, and environmental protection.

On the occasion of ROC's National Day, I urge all Americans to continue to lend their support to Taiwan.

America must continue to help Taiwan and the PRC resume dialogue, continue to supply Taiwan with the means to defend themselves, and ease unnecessary restrictions we have imposed upon Taiwan's representative offices in the United States and our "unofficial" official offices in Taiwan.

I am certain that relations between America and Taiwan will continue to grow. Taiwan is a